

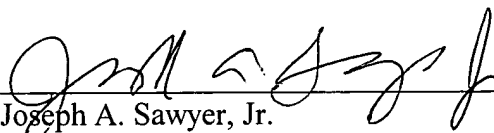
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 2, 2006. Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-43 have been rejected. Claims 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, and 27 have been amended to further define the scope and novelty of the present invention, and to correct typographical and grammatical errors, in order to place the claims in condition for allowance. Support for the amendments to the claims is found throughout the specification, and in particular, in original claims 1 and 36-38. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been presented. Claims 1-8, 23-26, and 28-43 have been canceled. Claims 44-52 have been added. Accordingly, claims 9-22, 27, and 44-52 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants have included a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the deadline for filing a response by one (1) month, from June 2, 2006 to July 3, 2006. (July 2, 2006, is a Saturday.)

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